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FOR: Device and Method for Separating Components of a Fluid Sample

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a Three Month Extension of Time from September 17, 2003 to December 17, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 17, 2003, (Paper No.13).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 for the \$950.00 fee for the Two (2) month extension. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Account No. 02-1666.

Respectfully submitted,

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